

camera upon request by a user; and

payment means for accepting a standard commercial credit card or currency.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, and 7 have been amended hereby. New claims 11 – 15 are added hereby. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, and 7 – 9 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Anzai et al. Claims 2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Anzai et al. and in further view of Sokal et al. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Anzai et al. and in further view of Sokal et al. and Fujizu. Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Anzai et al., Sokal et al. and Fujizu and in further view of Ishikawa.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims as amended are patentably distinctive over all cited prior art. None of the prior art references discloses or suggests the use of plural lighting means, as provided for in amended claim 1. On the basis that amended claim 1 is believed to be allowable, claims 2 – 6 and new claims 11 – 14, dependent therefrom are also deemed to be allowable.

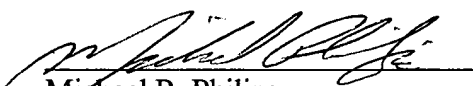
Claim 7 has been amended to recite a clustered plural lighting means and video camera, which is also not found in any prior art. Thus, it is submitted that claim 7 as amended is allowable, as are claims 8 – 10 and new claim 15, dependent therefrom.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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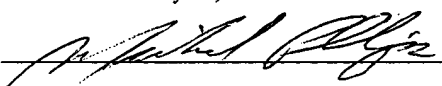
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